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Honorable Charles M. Mathias
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mac:

In answer to your question, which four or five chapters do I consider most important, I would say the ones skipped over with least effect would be the introduction, conclusion, first, fourth and sixth chapters.

In Part 1 I believe chapter 5, for the immediate purpose, is most important.

While Part 2, in a hasty reading, might be skipped entirely, I think so doing would impair the understanding of what really happened, of the role of the police and how the Commission functioned or failed to function with regard to both.

If I had to suggest those chapters of Part 3 that might be avoided with least impairment of a comprehension of the book, I would pick the first two chapters, 9 and 10.

However, if Mr. Friendly himself is to read only one chapter in the entire book, because of the appraisal he gave you of what he knows of the autopsy, I would like him to read that chapter, No. 13.

As I told you, if they want to Zerox the manuscript, I have no objection so long as it is all preserved in confidence. This is the only complete copy of it in the country and I am anxious to have it back as soon as possible.

With the footnoting they can check all of my quotations because they have a complete set of the supplementary volumes. My set is marked and can be followed more readily should they want to borrow it.

Of course, I am available for any questions they may have. I hope you will convey to Mr. Friendly and his associates my thanks for the time they are devoting to this despite their disbelief.

Sincerely yours,

Harold

Harold Weisberg